
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND

Origin: Howard District was created from Anne Arundel County by Chapter 22, Acts of 1838 (confirmed by Chapter 50, Acts of 1839). Although unrepresented in the General Assembly, the District enjoyed the status of a county. It officially was formed as a county in 1851 (Const. 1851, Art. VIII, sec. I). The County was named for John Eager Howard (1752-1827), Revolutionary War officer, Maryland governor, and statesman.

County Seat: Ellicott City, MD 21043

Form of Government: Charter since 1968

Population: 1990 census: 187,328; 2000 census: 247,842

Websites:

Aging, Office on: www.co.ho.md.us/citizenservices/servicesguide/agingserv.htm

Budget Office: www.co.ho.md.us/doa/doa_budget2.htm

Circuit Court: www.courts.state.md.us/clerks/howard/general.html

Citizen Services Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/citizenservices/cs_homepage.htm

Community College: www.howardcc.edu

County Council: www.co.ho.md.us/countycouncil/cc_homepage.html

County Executive: www.co.ho.md.us/hc_countyexecutive.htm

County Government: www.co.ho.md.us/

District Court: www.courts.state.md.us/district/directories/courtmap.html#howard

Economic Development Authority: www.hceda.org

Elections Board: www.co.ho.md.us/servicesresidents_voting.htm

Finance Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/dof/dof_homepage.htm

Health Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/health/healthmain/health_homepage.htm

Housing & Community Development Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/dh/dh_homepage.htm

Human Resources: www.co.ho.md.us/doa/doa_humanresources.htm

Inspections, Licenses, & Permits Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/dilp/dilp_homepage.htm

Job Service: www.dllr.state.md.us/county/howard/

Library: www.howa.lib.md.us

Planning & Zoning Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/dpz/dpz_homepage.htm

Police Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/police/police_homepage.htm

Public Defender: www.opd.state.md.us/locations/howard.htm

Public Information Office: www.co.ho.md.us/doa/doa%5fpio.htm

Public Schools: www.howard.k12.md.us

Recreation & Parks Dept.: www.co.ho.md.us/rap/rap_homepage.htm

Register of Wills: www.registers.state.md.us/county/ho/html/howard.html

Sheriff: www.co.ho.md.us/sheriff/sheriff_homepage.htm

Social Services Dept.: www.dhr.state.md.us/howard.htm

State's Attorney: www.co.ho.md.us/statesattorney/samain/sa_homepage.asp

Tourism Office: www.visithowardcounty.com

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

(410) 313-2001

web: www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CC_HomePage.html

COUNTY COUNCIL

Elected by Voters to 4-year terms:

Guy Guzzone (D), *Chair (chosen by Council in Dec., 1-year term)*, Dist. 3

David A. Rakes (D), *Vice-Chair (chosen by Council in Dec., 1-year term)*, Dist. 2

Christopher J. Merdon (R), *Dist. 1*

Kenneth Ulman (D), *Dist. 4*

Charles C. Feaga* (R), *Dist. 5*

*(appointed Nov. 15, 2004, to replace Allan H. Kittleman)

Terms expire 2006.

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3430 Courthouse Drive
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EXECUTIVE BRANCH

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Elected by Voters to 4-year term:

James N. Robey (D), *County Executive*, 2006

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(410) 313-2013, (301) 621-4300

(410) 313-3000 (general information)

web: www.co.ho.md.us/hc_countyexecutive.htm